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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : JEAN-JACQUES LACROIX  
Appl. No. : 10/713,276  
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Title : QUICK COUPLER FOR REMOVABLY JOINING TWO PIPES

Grp./A.U. : 3679  
Examiner : Dunwoody, Aaron M.

Docket No. : 14515

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PTO CUSTOMER NO. 000293**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Initial Office Action on the merits  
mailed 11/02/2004, the following is submitted:

amendments to the specification begin at page 2 of this  
response;

amendments to the Abstract appear at page 3 of this  
response;

amendments and a complete listing of the claims begin at  
page 4 of this response; and

remarks/arguments begin at page 8 of this response.